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First Governor's Summit On Agriculture

Dear Agriculture Community:

I invite all agriculture leaders and those involved with agriculture across the Commonwealth to attend the first Governor's Summit on Agriculture that will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. eastern time in the South Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

Kentucky farmers continue to make history as they transform our agricultural economy from one based on tobacco to one that is economically strong and diverse. We are seeing Kentucky farmers take the agriculture commodities of today and turn them into the opportunities of tomorrow.

In the past three years, total farm income surpassed \$4 billion for the first time in history and net farm income reached new highs. The entrepreneurial spirit of our farmers is creating new income sources by adding value to traditional farm commodities and new opportunities ranging from agri-tourism to goat production.

Because our farmers face a world of constant change, we have little time to rest. I am hosting this Summit to bring agriculture leaders together to begin the process of a strategic plan of action that encompasses all aspects of agriculture. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved an initiative for 2007 to update County Comprehensive Plans for agriculture. A strategic plan of action will be the next step for agricultural leaders to build on successes of recent years that will take Kentucky into the future. This plan should embrace the policies and goals needed to continue the successes we have achieved.

All industries go through changes, and agriculture is no exception. We will all be measured by how we plan for, react and adapt to new challenges, opportunities and trends. Thoughtful planning will be essential to pro-active success. We are now embarking on a long-term project which will require the best from all of us. Kentucky's agriculture leaders and producers will be invaluable to this process. Working together, however, I have no doubt we will rise to the challenge from which successes will grow.

I would like to thank Commissioner of Agriculture Richie Farmer, Farm Bureau President Marshall Coyle, and University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Dean Scott Smith for their support and participation in the Governor's Summit on Agriculture. I look forward to seeing you on March 15, 2007.

-Governor Ernie Fletcher



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Reminder:

Registration will start on February 22, 2007 for the Governor's Summit on Agriculture .

Please visit agpolicy.ky.gov for more information.



Have you ever asked yourself the question, “What would life be like without _____?” You fill in the blank; it could be a number of things. Recently I posed the question, “What would Kentucky agriculture be like today if everything else had remained the same and the financial resources provided by House Bill 611 were not available for the past six years?” Without question, Kentucky agriculture has experienced a tremendous transition in the past six years and much of that success can be contributed to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

I truly believe the successful passage of HB 611 in the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly Session was in part due to the unity that Kentucky agriculture shared because of the project named Ag2000. Kentucky agriculture has generally had at least one common goal since the early 1990’s. The goals started with Ag2000, then shifted to pass HB 611 for the funding of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and the historic 2004 tobacco buy-out.

For the past two years many of our agricultural organizations have developed strategic plans and have set industry specific goals. All the while, Kentucky agriculture in general has not had a common plan or goal that unites all agricultural organizations.

I am a strong believer in goal setting, as I used to tell 4-H members, “You can’t no more do what you ain’t prepared for, anymore then you can come back from where you ain’t been.” Thank goodness my eighth grade English teacher Mrs. Ireland was never around to hear me.

Nevertheless, the point I am making is that Kentucky agricultural leaders need to set goals and establish a strategic plan for agriculture in the Commonwealth to build on our successes. Governor Fletcher has been leading the call for the development of such a plan for over a year. He has visited with agricultural leaders and encouraged them to make the commitment. With his support, agriculture will begin that process on March 15, 2007 at the first ever Governor’s Summit on Agriculture.

The opportunities are endless in agriculture for those who are willing to take advantage of them. To assure a bright future for Kentucky, agriculture will need to challenge its paradigms and think outside the box. Our challenge will be to put together a plan that maps out short-term goals and strategies, as well as long-term.

Rural Kentucky has relied on agriculture, and with your leadership, I know rural Kentucky can rely on agriculture for many years to come. I encourage agricultural leaders and farmers from every industry and region of the Commonwealth to participate in this effort. After all, it is your future in Kentucky agriculture and your industry that will benefit from this strategic plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith L. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "R".

Keith L. Rogers
Executive Director / CEO

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Announces Pilot Farm Management Cost-Share Program

The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy announced, at the beginning of January, the establishment of a county Pilot Farm Management Cost-Share Program through the use of County Agricultural Development Funds.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) approved this program as a pilot for 2007. This program is designed to encourage the use of farm management services and programs. It will provide producers an opportunity to seek cost-share funds for certain farm management items pre-approved by the KADB. Currently, two programs are eligible, Dairy Herd Improvement and Farm Business Analysis. The KADB will consider adding other farm management items on the eligible list of services upon written request.



Jim Mahan, KADB Member's Farm

Each applicant seeking funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund must submit the complete application packet which includes forms, instructions, and other information to be used in applying to participate in the Pilot Farm Management Cost-share program. Forms and instructions may also be found on our website at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/>.

Applicants applying for County Farm Management Cost-share Programs should submit an application directly to the appropriate County Council. Completed applications will be prioritized by the County Council according to the County Comprehensive Plan and forwarded to the state Agricultural Development Board for final funding decision.

Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627.

Pilot Satellite Broadband Program Update



Since the inception of the Pilot Satellite Broadband Program in July 2006 there have been four counties that have taken advantage of this program. The four counties include: Calloway, Carroll, Morgan, and Spencer with a total of over \$60,000 being committed with County Agricultural Development funds.

This program can provide cost-share assistance in two areas. First a producer is eligible for 50% of the cost of equipment and installation provided by a satellite broadband provider not to exceed \$250 per producer. Once the equipment is installed, then the producer is eligible for cost-share up to 50% of the cost of satellite broadband service for a period of one year not to exceed \$40.00 per month (\$480.00 for the one year) per producer.

Those interested in implementing this pilot program should contact the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627. Applications for funds must be directed through the local County Agricultural Development Council(s) on a model program application.

NEW DEADLINES

Are you planning to submit an application or amendment to the Agricultural Development Board? If so the **NEW** deadlines are below.



Model Program Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for model program applications. If your model program is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.

Non-Model Applications

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all non-model project applications. If your application is received in our office by the first Friday of the month it will be referred at the Board meeting that month for consideration at the meeting the following month.

Model and Non-model Amendments

The first Friday of each month is the deadline for all model and non-model project amendments. If your amendment is received in our office by the first Friday of the month then it will go before the Board at that month's meeting.



Model Program Corner

2007 Program Revisions

At the December 2006 Board Meeting the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board reviewed the Model Program Guidelines. The revisions are as follows:

Agricultural Diversification

- Commercial Poultry removed to become a stand-alone program (pastured poultry/other fowl will remain)
- Sod Production added, as an eligible investment area.
- Lifetime limit added to coincide with other programs.

Cattle Genetics

- Limit on the number of bulls that may be purchased removed.
- Annual and lifetime limits remain the same.

Dairy Diversification

- "Generators" added to milking

equipment cost-share item.

- "Calf Raising Facilities" added to dairy facility construction cost-share item.

Forage Improvement

- "Other Crops" for grazing added forage/pasture development investment area.

Goat and Sheep Diversification

- Breeding female maximum cost-share increased to \$200 per animal.

Shared-use Equipment

- Reference to custom seeding removed.
- Administrative guidelines amended to follow all other programs.
- Reporting changed to annual.

For a complete listing of program revisions, visit <http://agpolicy.ky.gov>.



The following highlights the changes to the administrative guidelines for all model programs, except Shared-Use Equipment:

- A single checking account may be used exclusively for agricultural development fund programs, unless an administrator is on probation.
- Tobacco Dependency for the purpose of scoring applications may include the son/daughters (natural or adopted) of tobacco dependent producers.
- A Premise ID is required of all producers who wish to participate in this program.
- Reporting clarified to indicate that reports are due every six months which means 18-month programs will have three reporting periods instead of two.
- A statement added that administrators who do not follow guidelines or fall behind in reports may be placed on a "watch list" or placed on "probation."

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board News

Governor Ernie Fletcher Addresses Board

At the December meeting of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, greetings were brought from Governor Ernie Fletcher as he expressed his continued vision for agriculture in the Commonwealth.

One of the topics that Governor Fletcher spoke about was the quality of life being increased with value added endeavors like using renewable resources, such as corn or switch grass, for energy. Another topic discussed was how the Kentucky State Parks Program, "buy local," is on track.

After Governor Fletcher's address, he took questions from Board Members. Questions ranged from getting health care coverage for farmers to moving debt service for water projects out of the Agricultural Development Fund.

We thank Governor Fletcher for his continued support of Kentucky Agriculture and the Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund.



From left, Keith Rogers, Governor Fletcher, and Commissioner Farmer.



KADB Visits Perry County

Finding alternative uses for reclaimed mine land often is a challenge, but on D & D Ranch in Perry County reclaimed mine land is the site of the progressive Eastern Kentucky Heifer Development Center. Consignors have been bringing spring-born beef heifers to D & D since the heifer development program began in 1998. KADB Members and Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Staff had the opportunity to tour this one of kind operation at their Planning Meeting that took place at Buckhorn Lake State Park last November.

Model Program Totals

2001-2007

Agricultural Diversification

Est. September 2001

\$11,909,646 / 97 Counties

Cattle Genetics

Est. February 2001

\$12,839,570 / 104 Counties

Cattle Handling

Est. June 2001

\$20,220,956 / 103 Counties

Dairy Diversification

Est. January 2005

\$1,358,235 / 25 Counties

Fencing Improvement

Est. March 2003

\$10,088,812 / 66 Counties

Forage Improvement

Est. March 2001

\$22,375,559 / 103 Counties

Goat & Sheep

Est. August 2001

\$3,637,977 / 90 Counties

Hay, Straw & Commodity

Est. November 2002

\$19,268,890 / 99 Counties

On-Farm Water

Est. March 2003

\$1,524,376 / 23 Counties

Shared-Use

Est. January 2005

\$874,524 / 42 Counties

Swine

Est. January 2005

\$67,515 / 7 Counties

Technology Program

Est. January 2005

\$1,022,273 / 25 Counties

Timber

Est. January 2005

\$225,955 / 7 Counties

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation Updates

Burton Livestock, LLC Receives Funding

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) approved Burton Livestock, LLC for a \$967,110 Coordinated Value-Added Loan. This loan was made to finance working capital for the expansion of a dairy heifer replacement program. This was approved at KAFC's December Board Meeting.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board also approved Burton Livestock, LLC. for \$3,000 in Fleming County funds, \$2,000 in Mason County funds, and \$419,818 in state funds as a forgivable loan for this project. Currently Mr. Burton is raising 2,700 heifers and shipping them to three dairies in Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Burton purchases baby calves and raises them to about 22 months for an agreed repurchase price.

He is currently working with over twenty farmers who are involved in various stages of raising the calves. The largest dairy Mr. Burton is getting calves from has over 10,000 head. This project will increase the number of heifers from 800 head per year to about 5,000 in only two years by subcontracting with local tobacco dependent producers



Burton Livestock, LLC

in the area.

The Kentucky Legislature continues to make great strides towards lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50% of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. Since the inception of the program in January 2001, the Agricultural Development Board has approved over 2,731 proposals committing over \$231 million to an array of county, regional, and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises.

For more information on this project contact Harold Burton at (606) 742-2127.

New KAFC Administrative and Marketing Specialist

Nicole Ray, of Lexington, was announced as the new Administrative and Marketing Specialist for the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC). She will be working directly with Tim Hughes who is the Marketing and Business Development Coordinator for KAFC.

This position was added in January to assist with the growing number of KAFC loans.



loan application process," stated Nicole. "This will be a new challenge for me, and I am excited for this opportunity."

Nicole has been involved with

"I am pleased to have this new role with KAFC, and I look forward to becoming more involved with the

KAFC, as the Board Secretary, since July 2005 and was previously an Administrative Assistant for the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy since July 2004.

Originally from Lawrenceburg, Nicole attended Anderson County High School. She then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising with a minor in Marketing from Western Kentucky University.

What's New at GOAP?

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Appoints New Employees

Keith Rogers, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP), announced the appointments of two employees to the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy: Kylee Smith, Compliance Specialist; and Katie Keaton, Staff Assistant.

Kylee Smith was appointed to GOAP as a Compliance Specialist. Kylee is a 2006 graduate of the University of Louisville where she received a Bachelors of Science in Communications.



Previously Kylee was employed as a Pharmacy Technician at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Shelbyville and worked four years with Republic Bank & Trust in Lexington as a Customer Service Representative. Kylee is completing her first year as assistant cheerleading coach at Shelby West Middle and she resides in Shelbyville, KY.

Katie Keaton was appointed to GOAP as Staff Assistant. Katie is a graduate of Scott County High School. Katie previously worked for the Transportation Cabinet as an Office Support Assistant with the Division of Tolls Facilities. She is a member of Safe Harbor Baptist Church and resides in Georgetown, KY.



The Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy provides a direct link between Kentucky's Governor and one of Kentucky's most important industries, agriculture. GOAP administers the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (Phase I), the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, and the Kentucky Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship (KCADE). GOAP is committed to providing leadership to develop and implement agricultural development policies, and represents Kentucky's interests as national policy is developed which result in a brighter future for the Commonwealth.

What is the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee?



As part of the legislation creating the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee was created. This committee is made up of twelve members that review the investments and programs of all agencies receiving funding through Master Settlement Agreement proceeds. The Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month to review the projects and programs approved at the prior month's

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting. Additional Information and meeting minutes may be obtained on-line at the committee's webpage at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statcomm/settlme/homepage.htm>.

2007 Membership

Senator Charlie Borders
 Senator David Boswell
 Senator Dan Kelly
 Senator Vernie McGaha
 Senator Joey Pendleton
 Senator Richie Sanders

Representative James Comer
 Representative Mike Denham
 Representative Charlie Hoffman
 Representative Tom McKee
 Representative Tommy Turner
 Representative Royce Adams

Pondering the Three “Ps”

By: Sandra Gardner

The end of the year marks the beginning of the Agricultural Development Board's annual review of policies, programs, and priorities—the three “Ps” that are key to the continued success of the Agricultural Development Fund.

POLICIES

- An energy policy statement was adopted by the Board, concerning funding of renewable energy production.
- Beginning January 1, two categories of compliance will be created- “Watch List” and Probation—to further allow GOAP staff to enforce the Guidelines for Program Administrators.
- During 2007, the Board will coordinate a major initiative to encourage County Agricultural Development Councils to review and update their County Comprehensive Plans.
- Listing of specific type projects that the Board will not approved for funding was established.

PROGRAMS

- Several preliminary program revisions were adopted in anticipation of December's review and revision of model program guidelines for 2007. (See page 5 for details)
- “Commercial Poultry” has been removed from Ag. Diversification and become its own model program.

- Ag. Diversification will have a lifetime maximum (\$15,000) to coincide with the other programs.
- The limit on the number of bulls that may be purchased under Cattle Genetics will be removed.
- All participants in the model programs will be required to provide a Premise ID in addition to the SSN/TIN and FSN they currently supply.
- Several requested revision to model programs were rejected by the Board:
- All annual maximums will remain in place.
- All programs will maintain their current term limits.
- Manure spreaders will remain an ineligible item for cost-share.

Revisions to the model programs continued and were finalized at the December Board meeting. The revisions approved in December will become effective January 1, 2007.

The Board decided to continue its two Competitive Award Programs for 2007 with some modifications. Farmers' Market Competitive Grants will remain mainly as is. The Agri-tourism Competitive Awards will be only for regional promotion projects for 2007.

The Board continues its commitment to entrepreneurship in agriculture by directing the Kentucky

Center for Agricultural Development & Entrepreneurship (KCADE) to sponsor a minimum of four regional entrepreneurship training sessions, develop a more customer friendly application for KCADE projects, and continue to research ways to leverage KCADE funds in all targeted areas of the mission statement.

PRIORITIES

Just as important as specific policies and programs, the priorities of the Board help guide and dictate funding decisions throughout the year. The Board adopted the following categories of investment at the beginning of the fiscal year with the option to revisit at any time:

- Capital Access \$7M
- Education & Leadership Development \$5.6M
- Marketing/ Value-Added Processing & Production \$13M
- KCADE \$1M
- Competitive Awards \$2.06M
- Other <\$2.0M

Most of the Board's revisions will be posted on-line over the next couple of months. If you have questions about any specific change, then please contact you Area Project Analyst at (502) 564-4627.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN AGRICULTURE



February is National Cherry Month

Did you know that 69 farmers in Kentucky grow sweet or tart cherries? Visit [Kentucky Proud](http://KentuckyProud.com) to find out more about Kentucky grown produce.

Experience the Unbridled Spirit of Kentucky.
www.kentuckyunbridledspirit.com

February 14-17 National Farm Machinery Show

The National Farm Machinery Show will take place at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information call the hotline at (502) 367-5004 or visit the website at www.farmmachineryshow.org.

February 15-16 Kentucky Farm Bureau Presidents & Vice Presidents Conference

Kentucky Farm Bureau Presidents & Vice Presidents Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne in Louisville. For more information contact Terri Bradshaw at 502-495-5191 or tbradshaw@kyfb.com.

February 17 CFA's 22nd Annual Meeting

Located at the Four Points Sheraton, in Lexington off Newtown Pike at I-64, the Community Farm Alliance will hold its 22nd annual meeting Saturday, February 17. For more information or to register contact the Frankfort CFA office at (502) 223-3655 or via e-mail at cfarma@bellsouth.net.

February 19 Union County Cattlemen's Association Bull & Bred Heifer Sale

Bulls and trade show will be on display at 3:00 p.m. and will sell at 6:00 p.m. There will be a \$50 credit for bull purchases to be given away prior to sale at the trade show. The sale is located at the Union County Fairgrounds inside the Arnold Arena in Sturgis, Kentucky (One mile west of Sturgis on Highway 60.) Contact Adam O'Nan at (270) 952-2038, Rankin Powell at (270) 389-1400 or Ben Lloyd at (270) 993-1074 for more information.

February 19-20 Ohio Valley Marketing Conference

Leading Agricultural professionals and stakeholders from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana have organized the Ohio Valley Marketing Conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn-Hurstborne in Louisville, KY. For more information contact Rick Alexander at (859) 223-7845 or e-mail at RAlexander@commoditygrowers.com or J.K.Henshaw at (502) 495-5106, email at jkhenshaw@kyfb.com.

February 22 27th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference

The Kentucky Alfalfa Conference will take place at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City. For more information contact Gary Lacefield at (270) 365-7541 Ext. 202 or Ray Smith at (859) 257-3358.

February 26 – March 1 Kentucky Farm Bureau Congressional Tour

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Congressional Tour will be held in Washington D.C. For more information contact Terri Bradshaw at 502-495-5191 or tbradshaw@kyfb.com.

March 1- March 4 Kentucky Crafted: The Market

42 Kentucky Proud producers with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Kentucky Proud program will be exhibiting their food products and providing samples of these products at the Kentucky Crafted: The Market on March 1-4, 2007 at the Kentucky Exposition Center, South Wing B, Louisville, Ky. The first two days of the event, Thursday March 1st and Friday March 2nd will be for Wholesalers to attend ONLY. Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th will be opened to the public. For additional information please contact Anna Kindrick or Alisha Morris at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (502) 564-4983.

March 6 2007 Kentucky Dairy Conference

The 2007 Kentucky Dairy Conference will be held at the Cave City Convention Center on March 6, 2007. Exhibits open for viewing at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 2:15 p.m. (Central Standard Time) Registration will be collected at the door the day of the conference. For more information e-mail Dr. Donna Amaral-Phillips at damaral@uky.edu or call (859) 257-7542. Ms. Katie Beeles can also be contacted at (859) 257-7533.

March 13-14 Land, Food & Culture: Creating Sustainability Where You Live

The University Of Kentucky College Of Agriculture is teaming with its many partners to sponsor a unique symposium to examine future visions for Kentucky agriculture, rural communities, local markets and development of sustainable food systems. The registration and payment deadline is Wednesday, March 7. For more information visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/sustainability/index.asp> or contact Bonnie Tanner at (859) 338-6887.

March 15 Governor's Summit on Agriculture

The Governor's Summit on Agriculture will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. EST in the South Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. All agricultural leaders and those involved with agriculture across the Commonwealth are invited to attend. Registration information will be available on February 22, 2007 on the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy web site at <http://agpolicy.ky.gov>. For more information contact Christi Marksbury, Event Coordinator, at (502) 564-4627.

In the past three months \$3,766,237 in Agricultural Development Funds were invested in projects to help with Kentucky's agricultural diversification effort.

The following are projects, receiving Agricultural Development Funds for September, October, and November 2006. These projects represent 22 of the 2,694 projects that have been approved since the program's inception (2001).

September 2006 Investments

Campbell County Conservation District

The Campbell County Conservation District was approved for \$8,000 in Campbell County funds to administer the Hay Handling Pilot Program for Campbell County.

Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

The Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$118,500 in Green County funds to administer a menu approach for the Cattle Handling Facilities Program, Cattle Genetics Improvement Program, Forage Resource Improvement and Utilization Program, and the On-Farm Water Enhancement Program.

Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers, Inc.

Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers, Inc. was approved for \$184,000 in state funds to establish the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office.

Agricultural Development Fund Investments



Governor Ernie Fletcher presents check to the Cumberland County Agricultural Development Council

Morgan County Fiscal Court

The Morgan County Fiscal Court was approved for \$31,615 in Morgan County funds to administer a satellite broadband program in Morgan County.

Spencer County Farm Bureau, Inc.

The Spencer County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$10,500 in Spencer County funds to administer a satellite broadband program in Spencer County.

Todd County Conservation District

The Todd County Conservation District was approved for \$81,500 in Todd County funds to administer an On-Farm Drainage Enhancement Program.

Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc.

The Tollesboro Lions Club, Inc. was approved for \$12,500 in Lewis County funds for additions to the Dairy Barn and Fair Pavilion.

Wight-Meyer Vineyard and Winery, LLC

The Wight-Meyer Vineyard and Winery, LLC was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Grant Program to expand the winery tasting room and to add and event pavilion.

Wildside Vines, LLC

The Wildside Vines, LLC was approved for \$40,000 in state funds as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Grant Program to expand their winery facility.

Wolfe County Conservation District

The Wolfe County Conservation District was approved for \$141,863 in Wolfe County funds to administer a menu approach for the Hay, Straw, and Commodity Storage Program and the Cattle Handling Facilities Program.

October 2006 Investments

Beech Spring Farm

The Beech Spring Farm was approved for \$50,000 in state

funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to purchase a large cooler and install a certified kitchen at their on-farm market.

Bennett's Mill Farm, LLC

Bennett's Mill Farm, LLC was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to remodel a tobacco barn and build a commercial grade kitchen.

City-County Fair Association

The City-County Fair Association, Inc. was approved for \$15,000 in Cumberland County Agricultural Development Funds and \$15,000 in state funds to finish construction on a permanent marketing facility.

Farm Haven, LLC

Farm Haven, LLC was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to construct a sugar shack for maple syrup production.

Hancock County Fiscal Court

The Hancock County Fiscal Court was approved for \$13,640 in Hancock County funds and \$13,640 in state funds as part of the 2006 Farmer's Market Competitive Awards Program to construct a permanent Farmers' Market facility in Hancock County.

Kentucky Horticulture Council, Inc.

The Kentucky Horticulture Council was approved for \$2,484,700 in state funds to

continue to support the growth of horticulture on family farms through on-farm demonstrations and assistance, product and production system development, market development and market sustainability.

Logan County Agricultural Extension Foundation, Inc.

The Logan County Agricultural Extension Foundation, Inc. was approved for \$20,000 in Logan County Funds and \$20,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Farmers' Market Competitive Awards Program to complete the Logan County Farmers' Market.



Governor Fletcher supports local Farmers' Markets.

Metro Development Authority

The Metro Development Authority was approved for \$75,000 in state funds as part of the 2006 Farmers' Market Competitive Awards Program to conduct a feasibility study and business plan for a state of the art agricultural goods and marketing facility in downtown Louisville.

Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development

The Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development was approved for \$50,000 in state funds as part of the Agri-tourism Competitive Awards Program to promote Agri-tourism ventures in their region.

November 2006 Investments

Carroll County Agriculture Development Fund, Inc.

Carroll County Agriculture Development Fund, Inc. was approved for \$11,279 in Carroll County Funds to administer the Satellite Broadband Program for Carroll County producers.

Clinton County Farm Bureau

The Clinton County Farm Bureau Inc. was approved for \$125,000 in Clinton County Funds to administer a menu approach for six model programs including: Hay, Straw and Commodity Storage, Cattle Handling Facilities, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Dairy Diversification, Cattle Genetics Improvement and Agricultural Diversification for Clinton County Farmers.

The Estill County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

The Estill County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. was approved for \$94,500 in Estill County Funds to administer a menu approach for four model programs including: Cattle Genetics Improvement, Farm Livestock Fencing Improvement, Cattle Handling Facilities, and Hay, Straw, and Commodity Storage.

Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund

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